THE KING DIAMOND.

BY CUTCLIFFE HYNE.

the Laconic, "the bravest man, the very bravest man I ever knew, was a thief.

fully licked an angle of leaf which threatened to come loose.

Sir Handal Vereker (the hydraulic specialist), who had won the auction pool on the run that day, was standing coffee and liquors round; and the purser, after telling the attendant steward that his was a kummel and cognac, stuck the eigar into a corner of his mouth and lingled the keys were. I in his trousers pockets. Then he thrust with a n his beels straight out before him and blew gust for truncated cones of tobacco smoke at an incandescent lamp in the deck above.

The general talk in the smoke room did not go on. Mr. Horrocks, as became his e, was a noted raconteur, and only Fitcairn continued his remarks on the silver question as affecting the export trade in Bradford manufactured goods. Pitcairn had crossed to New York nine times in the La conic already, and had a notion that he knew by heart all the purser's tales; moreover, being in his capacity of drummer a most widely traveled man himself, he quite believed that his own remarks were thoroughly well worth listening to.
"He stole the biggest diamond I even

anw," the purser remarked meditatively dur-ing one of Pitcairn's pauses for breath. "It was a stone that should have gone down into history on the rim of some emperor's finished.

"Well." the surface again after that fellow "Probably broken up," suggested Vere-

cr, "and sold in pieces." The purser looked down sharply. "How you hear about it, Sir Randal?" he Vereker laughed. "I was only generaliz-

ing," he said. "I haven't a notion of what you're talking about." christened it 'The King Diamond' out at Kimberly."

out at Kimberly."
"Never heard of it," said Sir Randal, "I leave Lady Vereker to specialize in diamonds for the pair of us."
"Now there you are again," said Pitcairn. "Diamonds are just like silver. The price varies according to the quantity put on the market, and as things are situated at present the nations are at the mercy of trader. who've got capital and brains enough to make corners. Now, if I had the managing

'You haven't," the purser cut in acidly "and you are never likely to have. You can handle diamonds in a tie-plu, but in bulk they'd just flummex you. "Oh, trot out your chestnut, old man," said Pitchirn. "Someone wake me if

The smoke room rustled itself into easy positions for listening, and the purser after pretending for a minute or so to ignore the silence suddenly looked down and said "Oh, you want the table, do you?" "For heaven's sake, go on, man, and get it over," said Piteairn.

"Well," said the purser, "there's only one fellow in this smoke room this yarn'l be a chestnut to, and be's new to the La-conic. It isn't a yarn I usually trot out for the benefit of passengers. It shows up one man as a specially fine sample of d-n fool, and he's a man I've a particular liking for, and he's sitting in my breeches this minute. I didn't always use to be in this western ocean trade. I started life at sea on the Cape run, and I'd worked up from the very bottom to being purser or the finest ship that went down there. It was a jolly, snug berth I can tell you, with the King Diamond bundled me out of it, and left me to cool my heels about the streets for a matter of twenty very lean menths, it isn't a thing I clatter about through sheer pride at being sacked."
"Which line was that on?" asked Pit-

'Never you mind," said the purser, "It was one of the two big ones, and you can toss up between them. But it was the pop-ular line just then, because the other had had some accidents, and we were the pop-ular ship. We were ram jam full, and the skipper had let his room to a Hatton Garhome, and was bunking in the chart house He'd a record passenger list, and they were all very flush. Nothing was too expensive for them; they always betted in cases of champagne; and I guess the liquor profits slone on that run footed up to more than a thousand pounds. I tell you I felt very cook-a-hoop over it. I didn't see how the firm could avoid giving me a rise." Pitcairn began to hum "For he's a jolly

"Among other things we'd about a gallon and a half of diamonds on board, and that's a kind of freight which pays in a way which would surprise idiots who only know about the cost of sending shoddy across the

good purser." but the smoke room scowled

western ocean. "Shoddy doesn't come from Bradford," said Pitcairn. 'Shoddy is made..."
"Oh, kill that man, somebody," the smoke shouted, and once more the purser

The diamonds were done up in little can-

vas bags, barring the big stone which had



"MAN OVERBOARD."

a special sealed case to itself), and as of course they weren't polished they looked like so many rusty pebbles. The bags were put in a safe and the safe was under my bed place. There was only one key to the safe and that lived at the end of my watch ble for those gems I can tell you, so long as we'd any land connection with South Africa; but once we were clear I felt pretty There was an electric bell fit up to the door of the safe, and if anybody meddled who didn't know how to unswitch it, there'd have noise enough spread about to the ship. And besides, if anywake the ship. And besides, if any-body did loot the diamonds, what were they to do with them? Madeira and Southampton were the only places we touched, and if there was anything gone, you can bet your life no one would have been allowed to quit the ship till we knew where it was.

"Now, diamonds are all very well in their place; but too much diamonds in the conversation-especially when none of them conversation—especially when none of them happen to be yours—rather sour on one. And I can tell you the popular talk on that "it rairly made me ill at times. There were only two topics for general conversation, and those were diamonds and their prices, and when any one wanted to be brilliantly original he talked about the King diamond, and drew pictures of it in lead pencil on the back of our wine lists.

On this ship has got."

"His eyes wandered over me with a look of surprise and a lurch sent him against a cabin door. He was a man who never found his sea legs. 'And why shouldn't I have?' he says slowly.

"Well, if it comes to that, how can you of all people know what the yacht is doing here?"

"Never mind, Mr. Horrocks, how I picked"

"Speaking of pluck," haid the purser of I should think I must have heard the hislines, counting all the variations; How a bravest man I ever knew, was a thief.

Mr. Horrocks delivered himself of this statement during a momentary husb in the after-dinner chat of the smoke rosm, and withdrew his eyes from the little, neat man who had just come in. He examined with interest the butt of his cigar, and careow syndicates were formed to buy up eath shares in the gem, and all the rest of the degrading money grabbing rubbish I might have admired that stone myself if I'd been given a fair chance, and even have worshiped it as a mild sort of god, but the talk about it killed all my interest, and if it hadn't been for the profit it was bringing the steamer as carrier I should have ng the steamer as carrier I should have gone very near hating it. And so, as things were, I was just driven into chumming with a man called Farren out of sheer disgust for every one else on the passenger

I tell you straight that on any other trip this Farren was not a man I should have had anything more than a not for. He was a little slip of a fellow, with hock-bottle shoulders and wandering eyes, and he'd sort of missionary notions that I'd got no use for whatever. But he didn't talk diamonds; thought they were winful, or something; and I tell you, after a spell with the others, that man's society used to tip him the wink, and he and I'd slip away from the rest, and go down to my and put up our heels and rest. stretch out on the sola and I'd slip my shoes and lie on the bed and just listen while he talked. 'Times I'd feel that grateful to him I almost wished he'd hand around the hat for a collection after he'd

"Well, gentlemen, things went on this well, gentiemen, things went on this way—diamonds, diamonds, diamonds, with short refreshing spells of Farren till after we'd left Madeira and had made half a day's stoam toward home; and then a queerish thing happened. We came across a steamer lying-to, right in our track. "There's nothing in that, you'll say. Well,

perhaps not, but wait a bit. This steamer, as soon as we drew abeam, made steam and to us, about a quarter of a mile off, to port.

It doesn't take much to interest people on a long voyage liner, and you can guess it wasn't long before most nairs of wasn't long before most pairs of eyes; aboard of us were turned on to the other steamer—especially as she happened to be a yacht. Who was she, plenty of people like the limelight in a theater. But I didn't

up the knowledge, but you can take it from me that I not only know who's on board, but I also know that yacht's exact business."
"That's an asset of value," I said, and be's sunk. No, there he is again! Throw

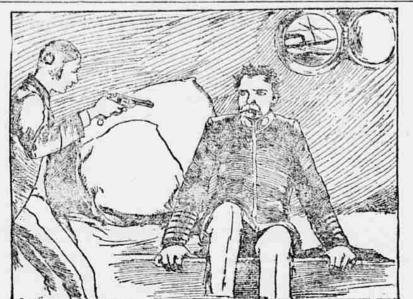
'My dear Horrocks,' he said, 'if you want to know, of course I'll tell you freely enough. I'd have fold you any time if you'd asked ne. Only I don't think we've seen much of another since the yacht's been in sight." 'He had me there.

"It's a bit of a long story,' he went on, out if you can wait a minute or so I'll tell to you now-if you think no one is likely worhear us, standing where we are.'
'Cortainly not, Mr. Farren,' said I. 'You come right along to my room and have a cigar. You won't drink whisky, I know, but

in the flame and watched it with interest.
"I am afraid," he said, "that I am boring you gentiemen with all these preliminaries. I never could tell a tale well. Besides, there's one man in this smoke room who could finish this yarn much better than I can. He knows a lot of facts about it that have not even guessed at up to now."
The eyes of the smoke room swung round till they all converged on Pitcairn, but that excellent person for once in his life looked slightly non-plussed. The purser came to his rescue. He intimated that Pitcairn's brain was quite unequal to guessing the sequel of the yarn, and again in-vited the only man who could finish it to do so in detail. We began to look at one another with interest. It was occurring to cach of us that we must have struck up a shipboard acquaintance with some man who only a few years previously had been concerned in a very remarkable robbery. But after a cursory survey had not shown any one to appear obtrusively guilty (although for some reason we few of us see to be looking exactly at our best just then), a quaint feeling of restraint got hold of us. Each man seemed to feel that it was vaguely insulting to look at his neighbor, and eyes glanced up toward the deck above and the

It was Vereker who voiced the general wish. "I think, Purser," he said, "we shall bave to bother you. You have shown such power as a raconteur that the other man, whoever he may be, is evidently nervous of entering into competition." ten minutes he sat there on my sofa with the colors going and coming from his face

glances were lowered, and found a



HE'D A REVOLVER IN HIS OTHER FIST.

simple. She was Lord Raybury's yacht, a

of all the queer things you see in the two Atlantics I guess you'd go first gray and within three years' time. And so we looked place on our port beam, without worrying our heads particularly as to what her little game might be. But as I say, the passengers were different; it was a bran-new interest to the lot of them, it was an Al topic to gamble on; and I tell you the talk in that smoke room began to get interesting. We'd get some really imaginative and accomplished liars on our passenger list that trip, were always ready to back up their

"They became regularly amusing to listen to; diamonds were not spoken of once after Lord Raybury's yacht joined us; and I began to think that our passengers could make themselves as nice and cheery a lot as any man might want to meet. I just let Far I'd got no use for any more of his sermon-and-water talk; and the day after the yacht turned up, when he asked himself down to my room whilst I was making up ome accounts after lunch, I let him know sharply enough that people who came in there had to wait for an invitation. A ourser like me doesn't chum with cheap tee-otalers of the Mr. Farren type unless he's pretty hard up for a mate. But mark you, that man was no fool; and he got around me two days later in a way I don't think

talk with good solid bets.

anybody could conveniently have guessed at, "From what turned out afterward I suphe intended to play his little game weather was a bit dirty then, and it fresh ened up to a snoring breeze directly after ward, which we carried with us all the road through the bay. There was a big ugly head sea running, which knocked a couple of knots off our pace, and the yacht was making very wet weather of it indeed. careful skipper would have slowed her down; but hers didn't; he rammed her at it, and risked carrying everything away. He ng on exactly to his place, and our pasengers betted Lord Raybury himself n board forcing the old man to drive her "But when we rounded Ushant and opener out the channel the breeze left us and the sea went down a bit, although it was still ugly enough. And that was the time Farren came on the carpet again; and although, as I say, what he did got me the sack from the company, I'll own straight cut that no man could have shown more real daredevil, armor-plated pluck.

'He came up to me in the port alley way that day just after lunch, wobbling about on his feet like he always did when we were " 'Mr. Horrocks,' he says with his cheap

ne of our chats together.' Tis, said I. Two been busy. I'm busy I'm very behind hand with making now. up the ship's papers.'
"'Ah.' says he, 'you've been so taken up with this yacht business that it's dragged you away from your work. It seems to

sickly grin, 'it's a long time since we had

have made a large amount of interest in the 'Oh,' I said, 'that lot will bet on any thing. "He laughed in a weak sort of way. Well, Purser, says he, 'I hope you've feathered your own nest over the affair." Well

"'I can't say I have,' said I, and began to ove off toward my room. "'Pity that,' says he, 'when it's so easy.' "I turned round, 'How do you mean!
Could you make money out of it?'
"'Certainly I could, if I wished to; only
as you know, I consider it wrong to bet."
"Then,' said I, a bit sareastically, 'you must have information which nobody else on this ship has got."
"His eyes wandered over me with a

Raybury would play.

were asking, and the answer to that was hurry him or anything. I let him take his time and sat on the bed and watched the bran new sixteen-knotter. Her picture had yacht through my port hole. She was there been in all the illustrated papers, and two in her usual place, just ahead, with about of our officers had seen her before she left a quarter of a mile of ugly water betwee the yards; so there was no mistake about her and us, and I was conning over in m; that matter. But what she was up to, no mind how I was going to make dividend

one could say, and our passengers made a out of her.
regular industry out of betting over it. "Farren roused me up by calling my name "We officers of the ship didn't worry our heads much about the matter. If you were to try to find out the why and wherefore standing there with his back against the door and one hand turning the key behind him as I looked. He'd a revolver in hi then bald, and then into a lunctic asylum other fist, with the second finger on the trigger, and it didn't require much to see that, whatever cise he might be, he was no blooming amateur with a gun. He was looking sick enough still, but I give him credit he came to the point like a mar that yacht's there for,' he says. 'She's come to take away the king diamond, and I'm here to carry it across to her. I'll trouble you for that safe key which hangs at the

end of your watch chain.'
"Well, I'll own freely I was took all of a heap. 'By heavens, Mr. Farren,' I began to stammer out, 'this is piracy-but he cut

me short. 'I quite agree with you,, he answered but we'll take all that for said. I've got no time for talk—and—it would annoy movery much to shoot you. I don't like you for yourself. Horrocks, but you mentione I've a respect for them. Turn round, please Thanks. Now you'll quite understand that my pistol is within a foot of your back bone, and if you force me to shoot you shall just take the key and help myself So I want you to clearly understand that through any foolish notions of being faithfu to your trust, and lose it quite uselessly Kindly shift your bedelothes onto the

'Now switch off that infernal alarm bell which you bragged about, and open the

"I did that, too." 'The King Diamond, please.'

"I handed him the morocco case. I heard the two clicks as he opened and shut it to make sure that the gem was all right, and when he ordered me to clasp my hands be-hind my neck and go out of the cabin. I'll leave you your gallon and a half of other gems, said he; and you can swear that you defended them bravely, if you think that will save your credit. Anyway, say what you choose, I will never contradict you. Now, outside, please,

"I stepped into the alleyway and the door slammed on my heels. I heard the bolt shoot in the lock and I fancy it's to my credit that I didn't stay there gaping to think. I raced for the chart house at top speed. The old man wasn't there. He'd one onto the upper bridge. And away

'I gave him my tale in twenty words and ctively we both looked toward the She had slowed down and was edgng in toward our track. Beyond a doubt Farren had spoken truth; she was there after the King diamond and he had signaled

her out of my cabin port.
"But what was to be the next move we could not guess. The skipper rang 'stand by' to the engine room and waited developments stove in half our plates if they try it on with this sea running."
"I reminded him that the yacht had two

knots more speed than we had.
"'I know that," says the old man. "By guin, this is a regular Robinson Crusoe piracy business. And the worst of it is, if they come on board here with a dozen rifles, we's nothing that can stop them from just helping themselves to what they fancy-He ran his eye round the horizon. There was a Hamburg-American boat away astern of us and a couple of steam colliers and a half dozen old windjammers on one side or the other, and not such a thing as a cruiser in sight, of course, just because we wanted one. 'That yacht's been run away with, that's what's the matter with her. This isn't a sort of game a man like Lord

Haybury would play."

"'She's slowing down, sir,' said I. 'She's dropping astern of us,' and I was going to say something else whon a regular stream of yells broke out from our passengers, who "Never mind, Mr. Horrocks, how I picked were all leaning over the port rail to see

then stopped and considered a minute. 'Is a life buoy someone' It's Farren; that little there any consideration that I could offer missionary man, Farren! He jumped out would induce you to part with the through a port, just squeezed out head first!
He was sucked down under the propeller! Ho's got an arm cut off! He hasn't, he's holding on to a cork belt with that arm he isn't swimming with! He isn't swimming at all, he can't swim; look at the way he's

clawing about! "The mate on watch had got a whistle between his teeth before you could say knife." 'Port lifeboat,' he shouted. 'Tum-'knife.' ble aft the crew'—and then led the way himself, and went for the awning lashings with his knife. He left the bridge to the old man, and the old man rang off the engines. But a big steamer like ours carcigar. You won't drink whisky, I know, but you shall have leed lemonade in two shakes if you care for that."

The purser of the Laconic ceased speaking and scraped a match. When it was well alight he held the charred end of his cigar in the flame and watched it with interest. "I am afraid," he said, "that I am boring you gentlemen with all these preliminaries.

I are continued in two shakes the way, and we weren't prepared, and the yacht was. They'il glowed down close by Farren, and their boat was in the water before ours had left davin, and I guess they was half way to where the life buoys floated. "There was nothing for it; we were just the properties of the life buoys floated." ing and scraped a match. When it was well alight he held the charred end of his cigar helpless; and we had to see that yacht starboard her helm and steam away for the open sea, with Parren, and the King diamond, and my character, and all our poor old steamboat's blooming credit stowed away under her hatches. The only thing we could do was to go on to South-ampton and report. But we didn't much expect to recover the King diamond again. A man that couldn't swim and who had pluck to drop head first out of a port into a heavy sea, and risk being chawed up by the iropeiler, wasn't the sort to give up a plum once he'd got his fingers over it. And that is about what happened.

"The yacht had been run away with. She was all ready for sea, and victualed for a long cruise, when up comes a chap with a letter, forged, of course, written by Lord Raybury to the skipper, and telling him to accept bearer's orders in every par-ticular. The chap, who was Farren's partner, met our steamer with him on board by arrangement at sea, and stood by and walted for a signal. He picked Farren up precious near drowned, but with the morprecious near drowned, but with the mor-occo case all right in his pocket, and then they shoved across for the Mexican gulf. When the yacht's skipper objected, he was shown Lord Raybury's letter; and finally, when coal ran out, and they found them-selves in the Florida channel, Farren and his friend rowed off in a boat saving they smoke mist thickened. But by degrees resting place on the person of Mr. Horhis friend rowed off in a boat, saying they would arrange about rebunkering, and naturally erough didn't turn up again; and the yacht, after drifting three days help-lessly under canvas in the gulf stream, was picked up by a tramp and towed into

Norfolk, Va.
"The whole thing was about as disgustingly simple as a man could want when you knew how it had been done, and the company, who hadn't watched the way it had en worked up to, said the robbery might ave been prevented. It was no use my talking. The blamed thing had leaked into the papers and somebody had got to be a capegoat, and here was I close and handy I guess they wouldn't have been human if they hadn't sacked me."

"And the Liverpool-New York run would have missed its best purser," said Piteairn.

'Old fellow, here's your most excellent and honored health! But did the fools of police never stumble upon your Farren man? "Not they," said Horrocks. "So far as I now the fellow's never came up to the surface—till now."
"What's this?" said Pitcairn. "D'you really mean to say he's in this smoking room

'That's what I mean,' said the purser, "I suppose he's been sick or sorry or some-thing before; but anyhow this is his first ppearance on this ship; so he's been under the surface now for exactly five years and one month—and—perhaps he may have some-

thing to explain. The purser lit his new cigar and no one the ship and the faint clash of the seas

The purser got his cigar in full blast and locked at the glowing tip meditatively. "Dundas is the name he's shipped under here," he observed at list. 'Pity for some people, isn't it, that they can't change a face as handily as they can alter a signa-

Did I annex this celebrated gem?" "You did," said Horrocks, grimly.

to be more fortunate than I thought, and far more fond of the salt water. What do you think, Vereker? Just five years and a month ago, I think you kaid, Purser?" "Sir Randal Vereker ald not answer at once. He lay back first and laughed till tears ran down the crow's feet at the cor-ners of his eys. But at last he sobered down and got his voice again, and he said ig by the ear this time. Five years ago

from now Mr. Dundas was second secretary n the British embassy at Peking. I was loing work at Shaughal then, and saw him custantly. In fact, I've known him all my The purser said "Oh," and looked red Dundas, however, had some on the subject. "Your man more to add on the subject. "Your man Farren," he said, "is evidently very much

ike me in personal appearance? "Or I shouldn't have tumbled into makng such a mistake," said the purser. "Precisely. Well, just before I came here happened to be in Shanghai, and a doctor knew there told me they'd got my double n hospital. Out of curiosity I went to see

him, and I must say the pair of us were as much alike as two-er-hock bottles. It wasn't a flattering find, because the other poor fellow was clean mad. He'd a lump of rough crystal almost as big as a pigeon's egg which he fancied was a diamond that everybody was trying to steal from him. Curious shaped crystal it was, too, with markings like three accurately

"My, great Scott!" said the purser, "and a cross just around the corner from the other end? Long-shaped, and a bit of faint ellow smudge down one side?"
"That's the thing," said Dundas.

'Why man," shouted the purser, the King diamond itself you're talking about. There couldn't be another like it."
"But I tell you," said Dundas, "It was no diamond at all. It was only some sort of crystal that was not hard enough to scratch glass, and no man that was sane would have taken it for anything else when he came to handle it." "Whew," said the purser, and mopped a

moist forehead with his pocket handker "Did you ever have the gem you were talking of in your fingers?" asked Vereker.
"Come to think of it, I never did," the
purser admitted. "It was sealed before me

and then delivered into my charge, and gave a receipt." "Then, if an outsider might form a theory," said Vereker, "the real stone was stolen somewhere at the Cape, and a forgery

sent home, so that the theft might not be discovered till as late an hour as possible. How those thieves out there must have chuckled when they heard of Farren & Co. coming ex-machina to help them play "Christopher Moses," said the purser thoughtfully. "You're right Sir Randal. That's the game for a thousand. And where's that stone now by any chance?"

"Ah, there you're asking me too much," aid Vereker. "But I shouldn't say it was said Vereker. "But I shouldn't say it was broken up. When it had officially ceased to exist, it could be very easily smuggled out of the Cape; and once it carried away to the east, there would be heaps of purchasers with his hand on the telegraph. 'My great the east, there would be heaps of purchasers Scott' I heard him mutter, 'they're never ready to buy and hold their tongues for going to have the cheek to board us! They'll a little discount. A shah or an Indian rajah so long as he gets it snugly into his treas

it was brought home in your own steamer,

not many yards away from its bogus cousin. That would have been the safest way to The purser sighed. "Well," he said, "I shall give an official report of this to my old company, for the sake of helping to clear my own ticket. And they can act how they please. But if that stone were mine, I guess I'd sell my present interest in it for just two

fingers of whisky."

Pitcairn struck the bell and the smoke room steward came toward him. "Apropos." he said, "what'll everybody have. It's my shout. I fine myself drinks round for interhestnut we were going to have. I'd no idea the purser was going to put his foot in it so deliciously with Mr. Dundas."

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will show a return to the custom, more bonored of late years in the breach than in the observance, of sending bouquets to debutantes and to young women generally whom the senders delight to honor. The statement must be taken with more than a grain of discount. The passing from favor of the florist's bouquet was not caprice, but ducation. Cut flowers are so much more ovely in their loose profusion, and so much nore adaptable to enjoyment by their fair recipient, that they are not likely to be superseded by stiff, wired clusters. Nor is it necessary now to acknowledge the receipt of flowers by overloading one's self with them at opera or ball. The man who knows low to send flowers accompanies the one hat is personally selected by a knot of ribbon or a dainty conceit in lace for a wrap per, and the equally well-informed young woman, if she wishes to recognize the delcate attention, selects this little blossom for her corsage. It is even the lovely courtesy exaggeration-a point that the growing delicacy of modern refinement fully recog-

Even the head of the state in France is bliged to take out a fresh shooting license every year when la chasse reopens. So President Faure duly applied for his license to the Prefecture of the Seine Inferi-eure in readiness for September 1. As this document must describe the owner's personal appearance the clerks were most anxious not to hurt the president's vanity. Last year M. Faure's hair and eyebrows were described as "turning gray," and a long discussion took place whether the same term should be used, the president having visibly grown white since then. French politeness finally compromised the matter by putting down the hair as "white" and the eyebrows and mustache as "fair"a solution which makes unkind friends suggest that M. Faure has been trying the

Last year, says a Parisian writer, the old curiosity shops were ransacked for the an-cient buttons which lent such a stylish air o the then fashionable Louis XV and Louis XVI coats. Previously shoe buckles had their turn. Now the objects in the pursuit of which many fruitless hours are spent are antique dog collars, a chase rendered all the more absorbing that the game is wofully scarce. She who can ferret out a collar of unmistakable seventeenth or eighteenth century origin is indeed a fortunate woman. Many have to be content with the acquisition of small chased silver bells, which they hans round the necks of their pets by means of a ribbon tied with a bow, the size of which s generally in inverse ratio to the dimensions of the dog.

A woman was singing at a charity concert and the audience nsisted on hearing her song a second time. Her daughter, a little child, was present, and on being asked afterward how her mother had sung, re-plied: "Very badly; for they made her do it all over again."

"It is a question with me," writes Lilian Bell in October Ladies' Home Journal, "whether a woman ever knows all the joys of love-making who has one of those dumb silent husbands who doubtless adores her, but is able to express it only in deeds. It requires an act of the will to remember that his getting down town at 7 o'clock every morning is all done for you, when he hasn't been able to tell you in words that he loves you. It is hard to get a letter telling about the weather and how busy he is, when the same amount of space saying that he got to thinking about you yesterday, when he saw a girl on the street who looked like you, only she didn't carry herself so well as you do, and that he loves you, good-by-would have fairly made your heart turn over with joy, and made you kiss the hurried lines and thrust the letter in your belt, where you could crackle it now and then just to make ouid crackle it now and then just to make to Vereker, "but you apparently mean me, Purser. My name's Dunias, and through sea sickness this is my first appearance in the superstant crisis in the handling of words.

the greatest, is in the use of words as a balm. Few people, be they men or women, be they only friends, lovers or married, can help occasionally hurting each other's feel-ings. Accidents are continually happening even when people are good-tempered. Ar for quick or evil tempered ones there is b one remedy-the handsome, honest apology, The most perfect lover is the one who be understands how and when to apologize.

The adoption in Germany of a general and common code of laws applicable parts of the empire has aroused the in-tense opposition of the women of that ountry to the new code, because of its iscrimination and oppressive features oward them. Up to this time each subdivision of the empire has had its own laws. Under the provisions of the new law an unmairied woman is regarded as almost equal to men concerning their earnings and their income. As soon as a Ger-man woman becomes a wife and mother she is booked as a minor. She has no right over her fortune. She cannot transact any business without the signature of her husband. Then the new law defines the powe of parents concerning the education o their children, placing it all in the father It denies divorce on account of ill-treatment, drunkenness and other offenses. I also declares that the father is not regarded to be a relation of his illegitimate all duties and cares belonging to mother. The bill, which has passed which has passed the Reichstag, does not become a law and many women are agitating the question of its reconsideration and repeal be-From what one hears of the Danish girl

she has all the privileges open to her sisters. If she wishes to study at the university she finds herself free to take up any branch she may choose, and medical, mathematical and scientific honors fall to her share quite as frequently as to her brothers. As among us, too, teaching seems to be the most universal employment for women who wish to many teachers and so many daughters of rich families who teach simply as a pastime with no remuneration, that the pay is very small and not at all in proportion to the services they give. They are well up in the English literature of the day, distinguish found schools and asylums for various chari ties and manage them as successfully as the women in other countries. Designing and painting pottery, woodcarving and woodwork are among other accomplishments. and many women have taken to photograph and started out as professionals. I women do not degenerate in the art of house-keeping and good cooking. Within the past few years they have become popular in America, and tennis, golf, cricket and foot ball are fast gaining ground. The craze for bicycling seized them some time ago, and they are already expert riders, for the level country favors this sport. Some of the Danish girls are accomplished horsewomen, and they are never quite so pretty and graceful as when they are skating, which is a general amusement for fully three months in the year. A Danish girl in good society makes her debut at 16, when she is confirmed. If she is not married at 22 she is left out of all parties and amusements thus showing that the old-fashioned prejudice against old maids still obtains among these otherwise enlightened people

Fashionable hostesses aiming at perfection and change at the same time will have, if they will, this season the privilege to discard at their exquisitely appointed tables the use of napkins. Already in the the use of napkins. Already in the aristocratic homes of England the movement has gained a foothold, inspired, according to a recent statement, "as a compli ment to the refined table manners of the

guests."

While napkins are not likely to be at once if ever, omitted from many American tables the discussion of the question is of value i only to accentuate the careless and slovenly way most American children behave at table. Who can fancy these youngsters ever trained to a nicety of eating which will preclude their need of a napkin? Many o them should have a basin and towel served with every course. In one family the 5-year-old child announces the end of his meal by caimly sweeping his plate to the floor and following it by the contents of his cup

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or glass. If we don't copy the English nap-kin veto, we may with great advantage emulate the English standard of behavior at table for children. It is hard to acquire elegant table manners after the plastic years of childhood. They show too plainly that they are acquired, not inherent. In many otherwise well-regulated American families, however, the behavior at table of the 14 and 16-year-old children would not be tolerated at the English nursery board around which gather the 3 and 5-year-olds of the house

Lady Jeune, with her husband, Sir Francis Jeune, has been making an extensive bicycle tour through Scotland, Lady Jeune is one of the most progressive women in Great Britain, being actively interested in all the movements which tend to the political. educational and industrial advancement of her own sex. Her salon was formerly one of the attractions of London, and one met in her drawing room almost every celebrity in the British metropolis. It is, however

less interesting than it formerly was.

An amusing story went the rounds of the newspapers shortly after Stanley's return from Africa, which is now so old that it is practically new. It is said that when he approached the country of the dwarfs one nteresting specimen stepped out of the bush, cordially extended his hand and ex-claimed in excellent English: "How deyou do, Mr. Stanley; I met you at Lady

The women's bicycle division of the recent beautiful floral parade in Saratoga was one of its most attractive features. It was appropriately called the "white squadron," the riders all wearing white skirts, with white caps, leggins, and shoes. The bodices were military lackets braided in gold, those of one being pure white, and of the other divisions a color, blue, red, gray, and the little girls division, the young riders wearing a sailor costume. The wheels were trimmed to correspond with the color of the division. The women all rode beautifully, sitting straight and keeping in line with military precision. Cheers and flowers greeted this detachment of the display from Congress park to Woodlawn.

All women of the Protestant Episcopal diceese of Michigan have been declared eligible to vote for vestrymen in parish elections. Twenty-five other dioceses and four missionary jurisdictions of the Episco-pal church have for some time allowed women to vote for vestrymen.

It may be of interest to the autumn bride to know that the bridal vell is of eastern origin, being a relic of the bridal canopy held over the heads of the bride and bridegroom. Among the Anglo-Saxons a similar custom existed, but if the bride was a widow it was dispensed with. According to Sarum usage, a fine linen cloth was laid upon the heads of the bride and bridegroom, and was not removed until the benediction had been said. The old British custom was to use nature's vell unadorned-that is, the long brides, royal, noble and simple. Only then did every one behold the tresses of maidenhood in their entirety, and for the last time, as after marriage they were neatly dressed on the head. Among some the tresses were ut and carefully stowed away on a woman coming a wife. It was customary in Russia for village brides to shear their locks on reurning from church.

Here's a short sermon that Li Hung Chang delivered to one pretty young woman who told him that she wasn't married: "A woman can afford to be capricious as ing as she is young, but even American women, beautiful as they are, must eventually grow old. Time creeps on, even in the cases of the fairest and when a woman eaches 40 years she will find she cannot make the conquests she did at 30. Every woman should get married. Marriage is her mission and she will be happier with a good husband than alone, wandering about the

Shekospeare initiates us into the use of he fan in Queen Ellzabeth's time. rain him with his lady's fan," nock his brains out with a fan handle hich certainly must have been of a good turdy sort to accomplish such a deed. It was the habit of testy dames to chas-ise unruly children by beating them with their fan sticks, which were so long that they could be used as walking sticks. on the fan was used in a lighter form and for a lighter purpose, and the powdered and painted dame of a later day used fan and mask and patch as part of her paneply of enchantment. "Fans, muffs, masks and false hair" were looked upon as appurtenances of the unchaste in Italy, where first their use was general. Later, they were introduced in France, and thence to Eng-

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